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General Comment:I wanted to write today in support of the proposed partial exemption. I am a member of the board of the Florida Tomato Committee and have been for many years. The Ugly Ripe is a new and innovative product that should be available to the consumer. The Florida grower has lost market share at retail for years and must innovate or go out of business. The great lengths that the AgMart people have gone to to comply with all the concerns of their regulators/competitors on the committee is testament to their commitment to our industry and their desire to survive in a very competitive industry.

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